

## House Resolution 863

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, and Mumford of the 95<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the late Brigadier General John E. McGowan; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, the late Brigadier General John E. McGowan has long been recognized by the  
6 citizens of this nation for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal  
7 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, this extraordinary man diligently and conscientiously served his country with  
9 honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army since 1943 where he served in  
10 the Rheinland and Central European Campaigns; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a soldier's soldier and his heroism, valor, and ability have been  
12 recognized by his being awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, World War  
13 II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Good  
14 Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Georgia National Guard Service Medal, and  
15 the State of Georgia Active Duty Ribbon; and

16 WHEREAS, his selfless and heroic actions stand as a shining tribute to the strength of human  
17 spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
18 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized  
19 appropriately.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body commend Brigadier General John E. McGowan for his efficient,  
22 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his country and state and  
23 extend to his family their most profound and sincere appreciation for him and for all

1 members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon  
2 the altar of freedom.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Brigadier  
5 General John E. McGowan.